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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
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Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - March 2013
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 77 for the period of March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Progress Report No. 77
March 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013

Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Submitted draft preliminary Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs), General Response Actions (GRAs), and Remedial Alternatives to representatives of the U.S. EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on March 13, 2013 for discussion during the March 20, 2013 meeting.
- Conducted meeting with representative of the U.S. EPA, MDEQ, and Weyerhaeuser on March 20, 2013 for preliminary discussions on draft RAOs, GRAs, and Remedial Alternatives.
- Initiated development of Feasibility Study Report.
- Initiated development of draft ecological RAOs, based on U.S. EPA's approval of the Toxicity Reference Values (TRV) Revised Technical Memorandum submitted to U.S. EPA on October 19, 2012.

2. Data Received

- None.

3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Removal of investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 and Additional RI Activities investigation.
- Development of draft FS Report.

- Submittal of draft ecological RAOs for discussion.
- Development and submittal of draft memorandum discussing groundwater conditions at the Site and along the property boundaries.
- Development and submittal of proposed draft Site-specific criteria for arsenic.
- Development and submittal of proposed draft Remedial Alternatives.
- Conference call with representatives from U.S. EPA, MDEQ and Weyerhaeuser regarding the aforementioned submittals relative to the draft FS Report (scheduled for April 22, 2013).

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- None.